

(c) REFERRAL.—All reports and findings of the Committee shall, when received, be referred to the appropriate committees of the Senate and the appropriate committees of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 5. CONDUCT OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

The Committee shall not conduct any business prior to November 15, 1992.

Agreed to August 6, 1992.

SOMALIA—HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Aug. 10, 1992

[S. Con. Res. 132]

Whereas as a result of the civil conflict in Somalia, at least thirty thousand people have died, hundreds of innocent civilians, many of them children, continue to die each day, and an additional one million two hundred thousand lives are at risk;

Whereas the Somali political factions show no signs of ceasing their internecine war for power even as thousands of their own people perish;

Whereas international relief agencies have been unable to deliver adequate humanitarian assistance to those most in need due to increasingly difficult and dangerous conditions, including pervasive banditry and looting;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council, on July 27, 1992, adopted a resolution on the situation in Somalia, including an expansion of United Nations relief efforts and support for the deployment of United Nations security personnel to facilitate the delivery of relief supplies, and the President has expressed strong support for the United Nations proposals; and

Whereas although the Congress has expressed strong support for more active efforts to deliver humanitarian relief to the suffering people of Somalia, the situation has continued to deteriorate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress—

(1) condemns in the strongest possible terms the senseless killing and wanton destruction wrought by the political factions in Somalia;

(2) strongly urges these factions to abide by the United Nations ceasefire and to allow the deployment of security forces to protect humanitarian relief deliveries and workers;

(3) commends the dedicated and energetic efforts of United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali, and his Special Envoy to Somalia, Ambassador Mohammed Sahnoun;

(4) pays tribute to the courageous and heroic actions of the relief agencies working in Somalia;

(5) calls upon the international community, through the United Nations, and in particular the United Nations specialized agencies, to immediately expand its relief efforts in Somalia;

(6) recognizes with appreciation the July 27, 1992, statement of the President urging the United Nations to deploy a sufficient

number of security guards to permit relief supplies to move into and within Somalia, and committing funds for such an effort; and

(7) urges the President to work with the United Nations Security Council to deploy these security guards immediately, with or without the consent of the Somalia factions, in order to assure that humanitarian relief gets to those most in need, particularly the women, children and elderly of Somalia.

Agreed to August 10, 1992.

Aug. 12, 1992
[H. Con. Res. 355]

ISRAEL—ELECTIONS AND PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN

Whereas the Israeli public recently went to the polls to participate in the only fully free and democratic elections in the Middle East;

Whereas Israel has faced serious outside threats to her existence since 1948 and has never compromised the democratic system upon which the nation was founded;

Whereas as a result of democratic elections, a peaceful and orderly transfer of power has taken place;

Whereas the elections and debate leading to them demonstrated to the world the openness and vibrancy of Israeli democracy;

Whereas Israel is actively committed to the absorption of close to 1,000,000 refugees over the next several years;

Whereas Israel remains committed and engaged in the Mideast peace process and is seeking an acceleration of that process; and

Whereas Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is currently visiting the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),
That the Congress—

(1) congratulates the citizens of Israel on concluding fair and open democratic elections;

(2) welcomes Prime Minister Rabin to the United States and applauds his statements and actions encouraging active participation in the search for peace; and

(3) calls upon all parties in the region to actively and seriously engage in the peace process.

Agreed to August 12, 1992.

Aug. 12, 1992
[S. Con. Res. 81]

VISIONARY ART—AMERICAN VISIONARY ART MUSEUM

Whereas visionary art is the art produced by self-taught individuals who are driven by their own internal impulses to create;

Whereas the visionary artist's product is a striking personal statement possessing a powerful and often spiritual quality;

Whereas prominent among the creators of visionary art are the mentally ill, the disabled, and the elderly;